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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA,  
also known as "Roro,"  
15 LEONARDO FLORES BELTRAN,  
16 [REDACTED]

17 CHRISTIAN ANTHONY ROMERO,  
JASON LAMAR LEE,  
18 [REDACTED]

19 JOAQUIN ALBERTO SOTELO VALDEZ,  
also known as "Junior,"  
20 RUDI JEAN CARLOS FLORES,  
SANDRO ESCOBEDO,  
21 ERIKA GABRIELA ZAMORA ROJO,  
ALEJANDRO TELLO,  
22 [REDACTED]

23 JOSE LUIS AGUILAR SAUCEDO,  
also known as "Chito,"  
24 [REDACTED]  
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26 Defendants.  
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CASE NO. 2:21-CR-0007 MCE

21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) – Conspiracy to  
Distribute and to Possess with Intent to Distribute  
Fentanyl, Cocaine, and Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C.  
§ 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl (7 counts); 21  
U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Possession with Intent to  
Distribute Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)  
– Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl (2  
counts); 21 U.S.C. § 853(a) – Criminal Forfeiture

INDICTMENT

1 COUNT ONE: [21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) – Conspiracy to Distribute and to Possess with Intent to  
2 Distribute Fentanyl, Cocaine, and Methamphetamine]

3 The Grand Jury charges: T H A T

4 JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA,  
LEONARDO FLORES BELTRAN,

5 CHRISTIAN ANTHONY ROMERO,  
JASON LAMAR LEE,

6 [REDACTED]  
7 JOAQUIN ALBERTO SOTELO VALDEZ,  
RUDI JEAN CARLOS FLORES,  
8 SANDRO ESCOBEDO,  
ERIKA GABRIELA ZAMORA ROJO,  
9 ALEJANDRO TELLO, and  
[REDACTED]

10 defendants herein, beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury, but not later than on or about  
11 September 13, 2019, and continuing through on or about January 13, 2021, in Sacramento County, State  
12 and Eastern District of California, and elsewhere, did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree  
13 with each other and with persons known and unknown to the Grand Jury to distribute and to possess  
14 with intent to distribute: (a) at least 400 grams of a mixture and substance containing a detectable  
15 amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, popularly known as “fentanyl,” a  
16 Schedule II Controlled Substance; (b) a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of  
17 cocaine, a Schedule I Controlled Substance; and (c) methamphetamine, a Schedule II Controlled  
18 Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United  
19 States Code, Section 2.

20 COUNT TWO: [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl]

21 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

22 JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA,  
23 SANDRO ESCOBEDO, and  
[REDACTED]

24 defendants herein, on or about September 13, 2019, in Sacramento County, State and Eastern District of  
25 California, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable  
26 amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, popularly known as “fentanyl,” a  
27 Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and  
28 Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

1 COUNT THREE: [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl]

2 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

3 [REDACTED]  
4 [REDACTED]  
5 defendants herein, on or about February 6, 2020, in Sacramento County, State and Eastern District of  
6 California, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable  
7 amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, popularly known as “fentanyl,” a  
8 Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and  
9 Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

10 COUNT FOUR: [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl]

11 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

12 JOSE LUIS AGUILAR SAUCEDO, and  
13 [REDACTED]

14 defendants herein, on or about March 10, 2020, in Sacramento County, State and Eastern District of  
15 California, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable  
16 amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, popularly known as “fentanyl,” a  
17 Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and  
18 Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

19 COUNT FIVE: [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl]

20 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

21 JOSE LUIS AGUILAR SAUCEDO,

22 defendant herein, on or about April 14, 2020, in Sacramento County, State and Eastern District of  
23 California, did knowingly and intentionally distribute at least 40 grams of a mixture and substance  
24 containing N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, popularly known as “fentanyl,”  
25 a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

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1 COUNT SIX: [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl]

2 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

3 JOSE LUIS AGUILAR SAUCEDO,

4 defendant herein, on or about August 13, 2020, in Sacramento County, State and Eastern District of  
5 California, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable  
6 amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide, popularly known as “fentanyl,” a  
7 Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

8 COUNT SEVEN: [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl]

9 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

10 JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA, and  
11 CHRISTIAN ANTHONY ROMERO,

12 defendants herein, on or about September 4, 2020, in Yolo County, State and Eastern District of  
13 California, did knowingly and intentionally distribute at least 40 grams of a mixture and substance  
14 containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide,  
15 popularly known as “fentanyl,” a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United  
16 States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

17 COUNT EIGHT: [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl]

18 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

19 JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA, and  
20 ALEJANDRO TELLO,

21 defendants herein, on or about October 29, 2020, in Sacramento County, State and Eastern District of  
22 California, did knowingly and intentionally distribute at least 40 grams of a mixture and substance  
23 containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide,  
24 popularly known as “fentanyl,” a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United  
25 States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

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1 COUNT NINE: [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine]

2 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

3 JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA, and  
4 JASON LAMAR LEE,

5 defendants herein, on or about November 18, 2020, in Sacramento County, State and Eastern District of  
6 California, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute at least 50 grams of  
7 methamphetamine (actual), a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States  
8 Code, Section 841(a)(1).

9 COUNT TEN: [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl]

10 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

11 JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA,  
12 LEONARDO FLORES BELTRAN,

13 JASON LAMAR LEE,  
14 ERIKA GABRIELA ZAMORA ROJO,

15 defendants herein, on or about November 26, 2020, in Sacramento County, State and Eastern District of  
16 California, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute at least 400 grams of a  
17 mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]  
18 propanamide, popularly known as “fentanyl,” a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title  
19 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

20 COUNT ELEVEN: [21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl]

21 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

22 JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA,  
23 LEONARDO FLORES BELTRAN,

24 JASON LAMAR LEE,  
25 JOAQUIN ALBERTO SOTELO VALDEZ,

26 RUDI JEAN CARLOS FLORES,  
27 ERIKA GABRIELA ZAMORA ROJO, and  
28 ALEJANDRO TELLO,

27 defendants herein, on or about December 5, 2020, in Sacramento County, State and Eastern District of  
28 California, did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute at least 400 grams of a

1 mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl]  
2 propanamide, popularly known as "fentanyl," a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title  
3 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

4 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: [21 U.S.C. § 853(a) - Criminal Forfeiture]

5 1. Upon conviction of one or more of the offenses alleged in Counts One through Eleven of  
6 this Indictment, defendants JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA, LEONARDO FLORES  
7 BELTRAN, [REDACTED] CHRISTIAN ANTHONY ROMERO, JASON LAMAR  
8 LEE, [REDACTED] JOAQUIN ALBERTO SOTELO  
9 VALDEZ, RUDI JEAN CARLOS FLORES, SANDRO ESCOBEDO, ERIKA GABRIELA ZAMORA  
10 ROJO, ALEJANDRO TELLO, [REDACTED]  
11 JOSE LUIS AGUILAR SAUCEDO, and [REDACTED] shall forfeit to the  
12 United States pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(a), the following property:

13 a. All right, title, and interest in any and all property involved in violations of Title  
14 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), or conspiracy to commit such offenses, for which defendants  
15 are convicted, and all property traceable to such property, including the following: all real or personal  
16 property, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of  
17 such offenses; and all property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part to commit or to  
18 facilitate the commission of the offenses.

19 b. A sum of money equal to the total amount of proceeds obtained as a result of the  
20 offenses, or conspiracy to commit such offenses, for which defendants are convicted.

21 2. If any property subject to forfeiture, as a result of the offenses alleged in Counts One  
22 through Eleven of this Indictment, for which defendants are convicted:


- 23 a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;  
24 b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;  
25 c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;  
26 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or  
27 e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without  
28 difficulty;

1 it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek  
2 forfeiture of any other property of defendants, up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture.  
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5 A TRUE BILL.

6 **/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA**

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

*Eastern District of California*

*Criminal Division*

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

vs.

JOSE GUADALUPE LOPEZ-ZAMORA, also known as "Roro,"  
LEONARDO FLORES BELTRAN,

CHRISTIAN ANTHONY ROMERO,  
JASON LAMAR LEE,

JOAQUIN ALBERTO SOTELO VALDEZ, also known as "Junior,"  
RUDI JEAN CARLOS FLORES,  
SANDRO ESCOBEDO,  
ERIKA GABRIELA ZAMORA ROJO,  
ALEJANDRO TELLO,

JOSE LUIS AGUILAR SAUCEDO, also known as "Chito,"

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**INDICTMENT**  
**VIOLATION(S):**

21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) – Conspiracy to Distribute and to Possess with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl, Cocaine, and Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl (7 counts); 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine; 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl (2 counts); 21 U.S.C. § 853(a) – Criminal Forfeiture

*A true bill,*

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**/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA**

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*Foreman.*

Filed in open court this 28th day

of January, A.D. 2021

/s/ Judy Streeter

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*Clerk.*

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Bail, \$ process as described on attached sheet

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*Carol H. Delaney*  
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**United States v. LOPEZ-ZAMORA, et al.**

**Penalties for Indictment**

**Defendants**

Jose Guadalupe LOPEZ-ZAMORA  
Leonardo FLORES BELTRAN  
[REDACTED]

Christian Anthony ROMERO  
Jason Lamar LEE  
[REDACTED]

Joaquin Alberto SOTELO VALDEZ  
Rudi Jean Carlos FLORES  
Sandro ESCOBEDO  
Erika Gabriela ZAMORA ROJO  
Alejandro TELLO  
[REDACTED]

Jose Luis AGUILAR SAUCEDO  
[REDACTED]

**COUNT 1:**

Defendants LOPEZ-ZAMORA, FLORES BELTRAN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ROMERO, LEE, [REDACTED] SOTELO  
VALDEZ, FLORES, ESCOBEDO, ZAMORA ROJO, TELLO, and  
[REDACTED]

**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1) - Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with  
Intent to Distribute: (a) at least 400 grams of a mixture and substance  
containing Fentanyl; (b) cocaine; and (c) methamphetamine

**PENALTIES:** Mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison and a maximum of up to life in  
prison; or  
Fine of up to \$10,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 5 years up to life

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 2:**

Defendants LOPEZ-ZAMORA, ESCOBEDO, and [REDACTED]

**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl

**PENALTIES:** A maximum of up to 20 years in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$1,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 3 years up to life

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 3:** Defendants [REDACTED]  
**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl  
**PENALTIES:** A maximum of up to 20 years in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$1,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 3 years up to life  
**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 4:** Defendants AGUILAR SAUCEDO and [REDACTED]  
**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) – Distribution of Fentanyl  
**PENALTIES:** A maximum of up to 20 years in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$1,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 3 years up to life  
**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 5:** Defendant AGUILAR SAUCEDO  
**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Distribution of at least 40 grams of a mixture and substance containing Fentanyl  
**PENALTIES:** Mandatory minimum of 5 years in prison and a maximum of up to 40 years in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$5,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 4 years up to life  
**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 6:** Defendant AGUILAR SAUCEDO  
**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Distribution of Fentanyl  
**PENALTIES:** A maximum of up to 20 years in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$1,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 3 years up to life  
**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 7:** Defendants LOPEZ-ZAMORA and ROMERO

**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Distribution of at least 40 grams of a mixture and substance containing Fentanyl

**PENALTIES:** Mandatory minimum of 5 years in prison and a maximum of up to 40 years in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$5,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 4 years up to life

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 8:** Defendants LOPEZ-ZAMORA and TELLO

**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Distribution of at least 40 grams of a mixture and substance containing Fentanyl

**PENALTIES:** Mandatory minimum of 5 years in prison and a maximum of up to 40 years in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$5,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 4 years up to life

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 9:** Defendants LOPEZ-ZAMORA and LEE

**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Possession with Intent to Distribute at least 50 grams of Methamphetamine (actual)

**PENALTIES:** Mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison and a maximum of up to life in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$10,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 5 years up to life

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 10:**

Defendants LOPEZ-ZAMORA, FLORES BELTRAN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LEE, [REDACTED] and ZAMORA ROJO

**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Possession with Intent to Distribute at least 400 grams of a mixture and substance containing Fentanyl

**PENALTIES:** Mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison and a maximum of up to life in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$10,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 5 years up to life

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**COUNT 11:**

Defendants LOPEZ-ZAMORA, FLORES BELTRAN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] LEE, [REDACTED] SOTELO VALDEZ, FLORES,  
ZAMORA ROJO, and TELLO

**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Possession with Intent to Distribute at least 400 grams of a mixture and substance containing Fentanyl

**PENALTIES:** Mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison and a maximum of up to life in prison; or  
Fine of up to \$10,000,000; or both fine and imprisonment  
Supervised release of at least 5 years up to life

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT:** \$100 (mandatory on each count)

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION:** All Defendants

**VIOLATION:** 21 U.S.C. § 853(a) - Criminal Forfeiture

**PENALTIES:** As stated in the charging document